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Letter dated 19 October 2009 from the Secretary-General to the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to refer to the United Nations Mission in Liberia (UNMIL), established by Security Council resolution 1509 (2003) of 19 September 2003, whose mandate was extended by Council resolution 1885 (2009) of 15 September 2009.

Following the usual consultations, I would like to inform you of my intention to appoint Lieutenant General Sikander Afzal (Pakistan) as Force Commander of UNMIL. Lieutenant General Afzal will replace Lieutenant General A. T. M. Zahirul Alam (Bangladesh), whose tour of duty ends on 19 October 2009. I would like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude to Lieutenant General Alam for his contribution to UNMIL.

I should be grateful if you would bring this matter to the attention of the members of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) **BAN** Ki-moon

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